

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirements, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I invention which includes claims 1-11, 13-15 and 17. The action further requested an election of species. Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO: 2, which is encoded by the intronic J β 2.6 gene. In view of this election, process claims 22-26 would currently withdrawn. But it is understood that these claims will be rejoined and allowed when product claim 1, from which they ultimately depend, is allowed.

It is believed that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. In the event that the Examiner does not agree that all claims are now allowable, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in an effort to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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